

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project located at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

October 9, 2009 to November 6, 2009

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

Department of Defense/Department of the Navy

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Navy proposes to install two artificial oyster reefs in the subtidal zone adjacent to the Installation Restoration (IR) Site 7 at the Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek. One reef will be installed in a canal to the west of IR 7 and one will be built to the north of IR 7. Four thousand bushels of oyster shells will be purchased from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. A temporary, fenced storage area for the oysters will be located near the reef sites and outside of wetlands. Oyster shells will be moved from the staging area to the reef areas by up to 30 volunteers using buckets.

A federal consistency determination has been submitted for this proposal which finds it consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP).

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's Central Office in Richmond.

### **CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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